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Interview Summary

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Date of Interview: 06 September 2007.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
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Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☐ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: All of record.

Identification of prior art discussed: Wellig US Patent No. 6,580,704.

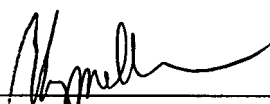
Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

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